(c) whether any voluntary organisations of Madhya Pradesh filed cases before the Supreme Court in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, when received.

Indian staff working in foreign missions

1664. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the maltreatment being meted out to the Indian staff working in foreign missions in New Delhi if so, what corrective action has been taken.

(b) whether Government will ensure adequate service rules and conditions for Indians working in foreign missions; and

(c) whether Indian Missions abroad follow any norms in respect of local staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Not many cases of maltreatment of Indian nationals working in foreign missions in New Delhi have been brought to the attention of the Government. Wherever necessary, Government contact the concerned mission in order to ascertain the correct position for any follow-up action.

(b) Government had formulated some guidelines and circulate these to the foreign missions in New Delhi.

(c) Recruitment of local staff in our missions abroad is not limited to local nationals. We also employ Indian nationals in those places where they are available for recruitment. While the pay scales are fixed by the Government of India the power of appointment and dismissal rests with Heads of Mission.

Illegal mining in Bhatti Mines in collusion with police officials

1665. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of illegal mining of red stone sand from Bhatti Mines, Asola, Mehrauli, New Delhi to the tune of about 200 trucks daily in collusion with the local police officials; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take against the police officials responsible therefor and also to prevent the business of illegal mining of red stone sand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Government is aware of instances of illegal mining in South Delhi. It is, however, not correct that this is being done in collusion with the local police officials or any other Government agency.

Frequent, raids are being conducted by Delhi Administration to curb the illegal mining.

Juvenile undertrial prisoners

1666. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of juveniles undertrial prisoners in the country at present, State-wise; and

(b) what steps are being taken by the Central Government to improve the condition of juvenile undertrial prisoners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Information available State-wise regarding juvenile prisoners is given in the attached statement. (*See* below)

(b) 'Prison' being a state subject it is for the State Governments to improve their conditions. The Central Government have referred recommendations of the All India Jail Reforms Committee on the subject to the States for their consideration and implementation and have also sanctioned financial assistance to supplement their efforts in this regard.